

SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 23, 2006

Former Bowman Police Chief Arrested

The former Chief of Police of Bowman was arrested on February 23, 2006, at approximately 4:45 p.m. He was charged with **four counts of Obscene/Unlawful to Disseminate Obscene Material to a Person Under 18 Years of Age and one count of Misconduct in Office.**

Jason Lee Marchant, 29, of 1336 Bayview Road, Branchville, South Carolina was booked at the Orangeburg County Detention Center.

The arrest was the result of a joint investigation conducted by the Orangeburg County Sheriff's Office and SLED. The case will be prosecuted by the 1st Circuit Solicitor's Office.

Warrants attached.

ARREST WARRANT

K- 056168

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
ORANGEBURG COUNTYTHE STATE 2006001340
against

JASON LEE MARCHANT

Address: 1336 BAYVIEW ROAD

BRANCHVILLE SC 29432

Phone: _____ SSN: _____

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 3 Weight: 220

DL State: _____ DL #: _____

DOB: 5/04/76 Agency ORI#: _____

Prosecuting Agency: SLED

Prosecuting Officer: JOHN BRANHAM

Offense: OBSCENE/UNLAWFUL TO DISS
EMINATE OBSCENE Offense Code: 0375

Code/Ordinance Sec. 0375

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality ofThe accused
is to be arrested and brought before me to be
dealt with according to law.

Signature of Judge

(L.S.)

Date: _____

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant JASON LEE MARCHANT

on _____

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

ORANGEBURG MAGISTRATES 1 DAVIS

P.O. BOX 9000

ORANGEBURG

SC 29116

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
ORANGEBURG COUNTY

AFFIDAVIT

Form Approved by
S.C. Attorney General
April 21, 2003
SCCA 618Personally appeared before me the affiant JOHN BRANHAM who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant JASON LEE MARCHANT
did within this county and state on 8/01/05 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of ORANGEBURG COUNTY)
in the following particulars:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: OBSCENE/UNLAWFUL TO DISSEMINATE OBSCENE
MATERIAL TO PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGEI further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
ORANGEBURG COUNTY

Affiant's Address: PO BOX 21398

COLUMBIA SC 29221

Affiant's Telephone: 803 737-9000

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that
on 8/01/05 defendant JASON LEE MARCHANT
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of ORANGEBURG COUNTY) as set forth below:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: OBSCENE/UNLAWFUL TO DISSEMINATE OBSCENE
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the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.Sworn to and subscribed before me
on 8/23/06

Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge

Judge Code: 721

Judge's Address: P.O. BOX 9000

ORANGEBURG SC 29116

Judge's Telephone: 803 533-5843

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

ORIGINAL

WARRANT INFORMATION**OFFENSE: OBSCENE/UNLAWFUL TO DISSEMINATE OBSCENE
MATERIAL TO PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE****16-15-0345**

Incident Report #2006001340

Suspect's Name: Jason Lee Marchant

DOB: 05/04/76

Address: 1336 Bayview Road
Branchville, South Carolina 29432

SS# [REDACTED]

Age: 29 DL#: _____ Race: W Sex: M Height: 6'3" Weight: 220

Alias or Nickname: _____ Warrant # _____

Victim: 16 year old minor (male)

Witness: _____

Affiant: S/A John Branham / _____

Magistrate: Peggy D. Lewis Date: 2-23-06 Time: 3:15 pm**AFFIDAVIT**

Based on investigation by SLED and OCSO, that the defendant, Jason Lee Marchant, at the Bowman Police Department, Bowman, South Carolina in Orangeburg County, during the month of August 2005, did knowingly disseminate to a 16 year old minor materials which he knew or reasonably should have known to be obscene within the meaning of Section 16-15-0305 and as a result did violate Section 16-15-0345, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended.

ARREST WARRANT

K- 056170

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
ORANGEBURG COUNTYTHE STATE 2006001340
against

JASON LEE MARCHANT

Address: 1336 BAYVIEW ROAD
BRANCHVILLE SC 29432

Phone: _____ SSN: _____

Sex: ☒ M Race: ☒ W Height: 6 3 Weight: 220

DL State: _____ DL #: _____

DOB: 5/04/76 Agency ORI#: _____

Prosecuting Agency: SLED

Prosecuting Officer: JOHN BRANHAM

Offense: OBSCENE/UNLAWFUL TO DISSEMINATE OBSCENE
Offense Code: 0375

Code/Ordinance Sec. 0375

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Signature of Judge (L.S.)

Date: _____

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Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement OfficerRETURN WARRANT TO:
ORANGEBURG MAGISTRATES 1 DAVIS
P.O. BOX 9000
ORANGEBURG SC 29116STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of)
ORANGEBURG COUNTY)

AFFIDAVIT

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April 21, 2003
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Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of)
ORANGEBURG COUNTY)Affiant's Address: PO BOX 21398
COLUMBIA SC 29221
Affiant's Telephone: 803 737-9000

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that
on 12/01/05 defendant JASON LEE MARCHANT
did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of ORANGEBURG COUNTY) as set forth below:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: OBSCENE/UNLAWFUL TO DISSEMINATE OBSCENE
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defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to
the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.Sworn to and subscribed before me)
2/23/06)Peggy L. Davis (L.S.))Signature of Issuing Judge)
Judge Code: 721)Judge's Address: P.O. BOX 9000
ORANGEBURG SC 29116
Judge's Telephone: 803 533-5843Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

ORIGINAL

WARRANT INFORMATION**OFFENSE: OBSCENE/UNLAWFUL TO DISSEMINATE OBSCENE
MATERIAL TO PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE****16-15-0345**

Incident Report #2006001340

Suspect's Name: Jason Lee Marchant

DOB: 05/04/76

Address: 1336 Bayview Road

SS# [REDACTED]

Branchville, South Carolina 29432

Age: 29 DL#: _____ Race: W Sex: M Height: 6'3" Weight: 220

Alias or Nickname: _____ Warrant # _____

Victim: 14 year old minor (male)

Witness: _____

Affiant: S/A John Branham / _____

Magistrate: Peggy D. Lewis Date: 2-23-06 Time: 3:15 pm**AFFIDAVIT**

Based on investigation by SLED and OCSO, that the defendant, Jason Lee Marchant, at the Bowman Police Department, Bowman, South Carolina in Orangeburg County, during the month of December 2005, did knowingly disseminate to a 14 year old minor materials which he knew or reasonably should have known to be obscene within the meaning of Section 16-15-0305 and as a result did violate Section 16-15-0345, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended.

ARREST WARRANT

K- 056169

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
ORANGEBURG COUNTYTHE STATE 2006001340
against

JASON LEE MARCHANT

Address: 1336 BAYVIEW ROAD
BRANCHVILLE SC 29432

Phone: _____ SSN: _____

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 3 Weight: 220

DL State: _____ DL#: _____

DOB: 5/04/76 Agency ORI#: _____

Prosecuting Agency: SLED

Prosecuting Officer: JOHN BRANHAM

Offense: OBSCENE/UNLAWFUL TO DISSEMINATE OBSCENE Offense Code: 0375

Code/Ordinance Sec. 0375

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Signature of Judge (L.S.)

Date: _____

RETURN

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Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

ORANGEBURG MAGISTRATES 1 DAVIS
P.O. BOX 9000
ORANGEBURG SC 29116STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of)
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Signature of Affiant

Affiant's Address: P.O. BOX 21398
COLUMBIA SC 29221
Affiant's Telephone: 803 737-9000STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of)
ORANGEBURG COUNTY)

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that
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the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.Sworn to and subscribed before me)
on 2/23/06)_____
Signature of Issuing Judge (L.S.)Signature of Issuing Judge
Judge Code: 721Judge's Address: P.O. BOX 9000
ORANGEBURG SC 29116

Judge's Telephone: 803 533-5843

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

ORIGINAL

WARRANT INFORMATION

**OFFENSE: OBSCENE/UNLAWFUL TO DISSEMINATE OBSCENE MATERIAL
TO PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE** **16-15-0345**

Incident Report #2006001340

Suspect's Name: Jason Lee Marchant

DOB: 05/04/76

Address: 1336 Bayview Road
Branchville, South Carolina 29432

SS# [REDACTED]

Age: 29 DL#: _____ Race: W Sex: M Height: 6'3" Weight: 220

Alias or Nickname: _____ Warrant # _____

Victim: 12 year old minor (male)

Witness: _____

Affiant: S/A John Branham / _____

Magistrate: Peggy D. DavisDate: 2-28-06 Time: 3:15 pm**AFFIDAVIT**

Based on investigation by SLED and OCSO, that the defendant, Jason Lee Marchant, at the Bowman Police Department, Bowman, South Carolina in Orangeburg County, during the month of December 2005, did knowingly disseminate to a 12 year old minor materials which he knew or reasonably should have known to be obscene within the meaning of Section 16-15-0305 and as a result did violate Section 16-15-0345, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended.

ARREST WARRANT

K- 056171

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
 ORANGEBURG COUNTY

 THE STATE 2006001340
 against

JASON LEE MARCHANT

 Address: 1336 BAYVIEW ROAD
 BRANCHVILLE SC 29432

Phone: _____ SSN: _____

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 3 Weight: 220

DL State: _____ DL #: _____

DOB: 5/04/76 Agency ORI#: _____Prosecuting Agency: SLEDProsecuting Officer: JOHN BRANHAMOffense: OBSCENE/UNLAWFUL TO DISSEMINATE OBSCENE Offense Code: 0375Code/Ordinance Sec. 0375
 This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the
☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of

 The accused
 is to be arrested and brought before me to be
 dealt with according to law.

 _____ (LS.)
 Signature of Judge

Date: _____

RETURN

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 Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

 RETURN WARRANT TO:
 ORANGEBURG MAGISTRATES 1 DAVIS
 P.O. BOX 9000
 ORANGEBURG SC 29116

 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of)
 ORANGEBURG COUNTY)

AFFIDAVIT

 Form Approved by
 S.C. Attorney General
 April 21, 2003
 SCCA 618

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 MATERIAL TO PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

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Signature of Affiant

 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of)
 ORANGEBURG COUNTY)

 Affiant's Address: PO BOX 21398
COLUMBIA SC 29221
 Affiant's Telephone: 803 737-9000

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

 It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that
 on 1/01/05 defendant JASON LEE MARCHANT
 did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
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Sworn to and subscribed before me)

on 2/23/06)

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Judge's Address: P.O. BOX 9000ORANGEBURG SC 29116Judge's Telephone: 803 533-5843Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

ORIGINAL

WARRANT INFORMATION**OFFENSE: OBSCENE/UNLAWFUL TO DISSEMINATE OBSCENE
MATERIAL TO PERSON UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE****16-15-0345**

Incident Report #2006001340

Suspect's Name: Jason Lee Marchant

DOB: 05/04/76

Address: 1336 Bayview Road

SS# ~~REDACTED~~

Branchville, South Carolina 29432

Age: 29 DL#: _____ Race: W Sex: M Height: 6'3" Weight: 220

Alias or Nickname: _____ Warrant # _____

Victim: 16 year old minor (male)

Witness: _____

Affiant: S/A John Branham / _____

Magistrate: Peggy D. Davis Date: 2-23-06 Time: 3:15 pm**AFFIDAVIT**

Based on investigation by SLED and OCSO, that the defendant, Jason Lee Marchant, at the Bowman Police Department, Bowman, South Carolina in Orangeburg County, during the month of January 2005, did knowingly disseminate to a 16 year old minor materials which he knew or reasonably should have known to be obscene within the meaning of Section 16-15-0305 and as a result did violate Section 16-15-0345, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended.

ARREST WARRANT

K- 056167

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of
 ORANGEBURG COUNTY

THE STATE

against

JASON LEE MARCHANT

Address: 1336 BAYVIEW ROAD

BRANCHVILLE SC 29432

Phone: _____ SSN: _____

Sex: M Race: W Height: 6 3 Weight: 220

DL State: _____ DL #: _____

DOB: 5/04/76 Agency ORI#: _____

Prosecuting Agency: SLED

Prosecuting Officer: JOHN BRANHAM

Offense: MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

Offense Code: 0819

Code/Ordinance Sec. 0819

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 The accused
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AFFIDAVIT

 Form Approved by
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 April 21, 2003
 SCCA 618

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 in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

 I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
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Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

ORANGEBURG COUNTY)

Affiant's Address: P.O. BOX 21398

COLUMBIA

SC 29221

Affiant's Telephone: 803 737-9000

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

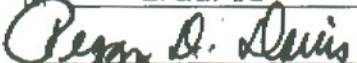
 It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that
 on 7/01/04 defendant JASON LEE MARCHANT
 did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE

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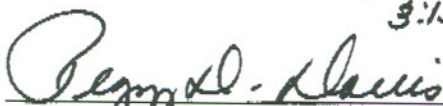
ORIGINAL

**MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE
COMMON LAW**

That Jason Lee Marchant did, in Orangeburg County on or about July 2004 through January 2006, willfully and dishonestly, while employed as a Chief of Police of the Bowman Police Department used Police Department equipment to retrieve and store pornographic material and/or while in his capacity as Police Chief disseminated pornographic material to children under the age of eighteen (18), and/or used his position and authority to unlawfully touch in a sexual manner, a thirty-two (32) year old male, and/or used his position and authority to unlawfully touch in a sexual manner a nineteen (19) year old male, and/or used his position and authority to unlawfully touch in a sexual manner a fourteen (14) year old male, and/or used his position and authority to unlawfully touch in a sexual manner a fourteen (14) year old male. The said defendant, Jason Lee Marchant, did breach a duty of public concerns by committing these acts and as a result violated the common law offense of Misconduct in Office.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME

THIS 23rd DAY OF February 2006.


3:15 PM

SIGNATURE OF JUDGE



SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT

DEFENDANT'S INFORMATION:

NAME: Jason Lee Marchant

DOB: 05-04-1976

SSN: 

ADDRESS: 1336 Bayview Road, Branchville, SC 29432

HGT: 6'3

WGT: 220

HAIR: EYES:

RACE: W SEX: M